

yet passed. The Assembly will certainly I believe break up next week, & to dispatch business disgracefully are to meet tomorrow—It is very uncertain when you may receive this, but I risque it. Your Brother thinks it may be necessary for him to return by Bath to see Palmer.⁶ Make an Apology as before to my Brother & Nelly, Give my love to them, &c. and believe me ever

Most affectionately yours

Ja. Iredell.

RC, Johnson Collection, NCSA. Printed, McRee, 2:114. Addressed “Mrs. Iredell Edenton—.”⁷

¹The “two eternal Opponents” may refer to Nelly and Peggy Blair, who lived with Hannah and JI for a while.

²The following delegates were selected on November 20, 1784, to attend the Continental Congress. William Blount (1749-1800) of Bertie and Craven Counties was a member of the house of commons (1780-1784) and state senate (1788-1790), and a delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention. He had been selected as a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1782 and would be chosen again in 1785. Timothy Bloodworth (1736-1814) of New Hanover County resigned from the Continental Congress in 1787 to fight against the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. He later served in the U.S. House of Representatives (1790-1791) and the U.S. Senate (1795-1801). Adlai Osborne (1744-1814), a lawyer and land speculator of Rowan and Iredell Counties, resigned from the Continental Congress in 1785. John Sitgreaves of Craven County and Charles Johnston of Chowan County were also elected but there is no record of their attendance. The reason, in part, for the absences and resignations was the prohibitive expense incurred by delegates attending the Congress in New York. *BDC*, s.v. “Blount, William,” “Bloodworth, Timothy”; *DNCB*, s.v. “Bloodworth, Timothy,” “Osborne, Adlai”; Cheney, *North Carolina Government*, 658-659, 741n; Samuel A’Court Ashe, *History of North Carolina*, 2 vols. (1925; reprint, Spartanburg, S.C.: Reprint Company, 1971), 2:55.

³Richard Dobbs Spaight (1758-1802) of Craven County, who had been selected as a delegate to the Continental Congress on three previous occasions, was chosen on November 22 as the final delegate, but he too resigned in 1785. He would later serve three terms as governor (1792-1795) and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1798-1801). *DNCB*, s.v. “Spaight, Richard Dobbs”; Cheney, *North Carolina Government*, 658-659, 742n.

⁴The following were chosen as members of the Council of State on November 20, 1784. Joseph Leech (1720-1803) of New Bern was an Admiralty Court judge (1783-1787) and colonel in the militia. He would be chosen again for the council in 1785. John Hawks (1731-1790), a native of England and resident of New Bern, was the architect who designed Tryon Palace. He would be reelected in 1785 and